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For
Continued Examination (RCE)
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Application Number	09/912,695
Filing Date	July 23, 2001
First Named Inventor	Schoeb, Reto
Art Unit	1723
Examiner Name	David L. Sorkin
Attorney Docket Number	015258-053700US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s) (Exhibit A)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other APPENDIX TRANSLATION OF FR2449473

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 12/12/2003 DTESSEH1 00000142 201430 09912695

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 385.00 DA

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

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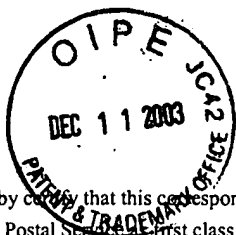
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

RETO SCHOEB

Application No.: 09/912,695

Filed: July 23, 2001

For: A MAGNETIC STIRRING
APPARATUS AND AN AGITATING
DEVICE

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 6977

Examiner: David L. Sorkin

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1723

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 26, 2003, and the refusal to enter the Amendment after Final mailed October 2, 2003, please find a Request for Continuing Prosecution. Please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

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Reply to Office Action of June 26, 2003

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.